

Hal Toebe's Testimony

It happened to my father, and at that time I hated him, and what he was doing to himself. He was destroying his life with alcohol. I swore it would never happen to me. He eventually became ill, was hospitalized and soon passed on.



I believed I could control my own consumption, but soon found out I was enjoying it. It made things look rosy and I had convinced myself that I was entitled to my R. & R. after work and weekends. It soon became the center of my life.

As a result, I lost everything. My business (a cocktail lounge), my family, my home, and my car. With \$200.00 and no job, I moved from Phoenix to Los Angeles. I found work, but kept on drinking. Then I was introduced to bennies (Benzedrine) and diet pills. I was really hooked, but believed because I was a good guy, God would not condemn me. No one had ever told me about Jesus dying for me — a sinner. I probably would have told them to get lost anyway. I was right where Lucifer wanted me.

I eventually met my second wife. After a couple years of marriage and continual drinking, I came under strong conviction from God and the Holy Spirit. I suddenly had the desire to stop drinking and get my life right with God. I went into my bedroom, got down on my knees and cried out to God — whom I did not know. I asked Him, if He was really there, would He give me the strength to quit drinking. I told Him I had blown it and how sorry I was. Would He please help me? Guess what! He did!



Hal Toebe with Judy Wright

He took the desire for alcohol from me and gave me the strength I needed to quit. Shortly after that experience, He placed a desire in my heart to study the Bible. It was then I learned about Jesus and accepted Him in my heart as my personal Savior. He shed His blood and died on the cross for my sins. Amen! —HT



Hal has been Chairman of "The Most Excellent Way," San Diego County Area Director, Ministry Team Leader, Meeting Leader, and Chaplain — he has ministered in the local prisons and jails and Rescue Mission. Hal is loved and respected by all those he has trained and ministered with him. He's our beloved "ol' friend"! —TMEW